

Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

September 4, 2012

In attendance.

CS Representatives for:

2 nd Chance	Atlantic	Sunrise	West End Step	4 Seasons
Downtown Dartmouth	Back to Basics	Bedford	Cole Harbour	

(Members from Downtown Halifax, Fresh Start, Highland Park, and Mutual groups were present, but had no group vote.)

Positions/committees represented.

CS Treasurer	CS Secretary	District 1 DCM	District 2 Alt DCM	
Hospital Visitation	Website	Phone	Entertainment	Literature

- Foster opened the meeting with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- Elaine read the 12 traditions.
5 copies of the minutes printed for groups.
- Seventh Tradition was collected: \$34.86.
- 25 members were in attendance.
- The committee waived the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- Samaira recommended acceptance of the minutes as issued.

Secretary's report

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer's report

- Report was handed out with an opening balance of \$4,273.89.
- Revenue for the month was \$125.90.
- Expenses were \$1,583.73.
- Operating balance of \$2,816.06, plus the prudent reserve of \$2,167.33, total: \$4,983.39.
- Dave recommended acceptance of the report.

Co-Chair's report - Absent, no report.

Chair's report - No Chair, no report.

Newsletter

- Jeff reported that we are now getting the newsletter printed for a much lower cost than we had been, so the newsletter should come in under budget this year.
- Bruce recommended acceptance of the report.

Website

- Gary noted that the numbers of unique visitors to the website is rising.
- 467 visits were from mobile devices this month.
- Updates are completed for this month.
- Holly recommended acceptance of the report.

Website email

- Alex passed along the message that Chris was unable to attend tonight, and there was nothing to report.

Hospital Visitation Committee

- Wade reported that there were no requests from acute care hospitals this month, but there were the usual long-term care visits.
- Jeff recommended acceptance of the report.

Telephone

- Samaira reported that everything seems to be going well.
- She noted two corrections that need to be made to the information in the newsletter:
 - the phone number listed for the telephone service schedule should read 476-3057; and
 - the words “the weekday or” should be removed from the telephone service schedule header. The header now should read “Call (902) 476-3057 to pick up the weekend cell phones”.
- Samaira is compiling a list of GSRs and CSRs with contact information to help her manage the weekend phones. District 1 and CS secretaries will provide information to Samaira for this purpose.
- Victor recommended acceptance of the report.

Mid-Winter Roundup

- Bill was absent, but Murdo noted that there are still some openings on the committee; please attend the next meeting if you would like to fill one of the positions.
- A CS member added that a Co-treasurer needed.
- A CS member announced that the next meeting will be this September 9, at the **George Dixon Centre** at 1 p.m, **NOT** at the Holiday Inn (this month only).
- Karen recommended acceptance of report.

Entertainment

- Peter noted that the picnic was a great success. \$260.00 was spent, with \$156.00 received from the 7th tradition, leaving a net cost of \$104 for the event. The remainder of the \$200 taken from the budget for the picnic (\$96) will be held back to spend on pop for the next event.
- Karen recommended acceptance of report.

Literature

- Opening balance: \$1,022.20; Credits: \$669.25; Debits: \$213.85; Service Charge: \$14.70; Closing balance: \$1,462.90.
- The current inventory is \$2,280.00.
- Parker has an order in for approximately \$1,021.24 US, which will raise the inventor to approximately \$3,300.00.
- Victor recommended acceptance of the report.

District 1

- Tony reported that there was a discussion concerning the 2013 Assembly Roundup.
- Suggestion was made that District 1 should have guidelines created.
- Samaira recommended acceptance of the report.

District 2

- Barry reported that the workshop on the third legacy was well attended.
- Barry noted that District 1 may be putting on a meditation workshop on October 22.
- District 2 also discussed the 2013 Assembly Roundup.
- Holly recommended acceptance of the report.

Old business

- Central Service Guidelines and Procedures – Clean draft incorporating changes will be made available on the website.
 - Gary listed and thanked the sub-committee members for their work.
 - Gary described some of the major changes that were made to the draft based on feedback from the groups.
 - A Recommendation was made for Central Service to adopt the guidelines document in its current form.
- Vote: Recommendation passed unanimously.**

New business

- Outstanding bank balance: should we disperse? – Murdo suggested that we send money to GSO. Foster updated everyone on where CS is on its forecasted budget. No motion was made, as it looked as though the money on hand will be needed to cover forecasted expenses to the end of the year. Foster will bring this question forward again in November, when CS has a better idea of what monies, if any, will be carried forward to next year's budget.
- Grapevines: CS copies currently go to Detox; should they be going somewhere else? – CS voted on this when the Grapevine subscription came up for renewal earlier this year. The question can be revisited when the subscription comes up for renewal next year.
- CS Elections
 - Colleen voted in as Newsletter Editor.
 - Samaira voted in as Telephone Chair.
 - Leah voted in as Telephone Committee Co-Chair.
- The CS positions that were not voted in this month will be called again next month.

Group reports, miscellaneous announcements

- Please note the Bedford / Sackville AA Day flyer in this month's newsletter.

The next Central Service meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on: October 2nd 2012 at Memorial United Church on Young Street.

- The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.